

## Iron County Register.

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The statement that Secretary Shaw intended to leave the cabinet was reported, on the 27th, to be without foundation.

Representative Sibley, of Pennsylvania, on the 29th, introduced a bill in congress to prohibit the issuance and cashing of money orders on Sunday.

Gov. Beckham of Kentucky, on the 27th, signed the bill passed by the legislature appropriating \$75,000 for a Kentucky exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

Justus C. Adams, ex-speaker of the Indiana house of representatives and one of the most prominent men of Indiana, died, on the 26th, at St. Vincent's infirmary, at Indianapolis, Ind.

Gen. Joseph Darr, formerly chief of staff of Gen. Rosecrans, and provost marshal-general of the department of the Missouri, died, on the 28th, at Washington, D. C. He was a member of the Elks.

Hezekiah A. Gudge, at present, United States consul at Panama, on the 26th, formally applied for promotion to the place of minister to Panama, which is soon to be vacated by Mr. Buchanan.

The United Mine Workers' convention, at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 28th, voted \$5,000 for the immediate relief of the families of the 190 miners killed in the Harwick mine explosion at Cheswick, Pa.

William S. Taft, former governor-general of the Philippines, and now secretary of war, arrived in Washington, D. C., on the 27th. He was enthusiastically welcomed by a large crowd at the depot.

A threat to wreck every train running through the San Joaquin (Cal.) valley, unless the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. paid the sum of \$10,000, was made to the company, on the 28th, through an anonymous letter.

On the twenty-ninth anniversary of his consecration as bishop of Kentucky, the funeral services over the remains of Thomas Underwood Dudley were held, on the 27th, in Christ Church cathedral, Louisville, Ky.

The house committee on pensions, on the 27th, unanimously agreed to report a bill to increase from \$12 to \$24 the monthly pension of Annie Waters, 95 years old, a widow of a soldier of the war of 1812, living in Ralls county, Mo.

The coldest weather in the history of Bessemer, Mich., was experienced on the 28th. The temperature was 48 degrees below zero. Cattle were frozen stiff in the barns by farmers. Teaming and all outdoor work was stopped.

The manuscript of Milton's "Paradise Lost" was offered for sale at auction in London, on the 25th, but the reserve price, \$25,000, not being reached, it was withdrawn after a bid of \$23,750 had been made. No American was among the bidders.

The report of the commissioner of patents, made on the 29th, for the calendar year 1902, showed that the patent business transacted exceeded all previous records. The total cash receipts of the office were \$1,616,698, leaving a surplus of \$188,000.

Discharge on writ of habeas corpus was refused, on the 27th, to Alderman John J. Brennan, of Chicago, who was sentenced to the bridewell, convicted of election fraud. The decision was rendered by Judge Brown, before whom the case had been pending for several days.

The funeral of Miss Sarah Catherine Schaefer, victim of the Bedford (Ind.) tragedy, was held, on the 26th, at Trinity Methodist church, at Elkhart, Ind. The seating capacity of the church was doubly exhausted by the crowd. Many floral tributes came from a distance.

The Chicago Great Western railroad, on the 27th, announced a further reduction on wheat and corn between Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis and Missouri river points. The new rate, effective January 30, makes a two-cent cut, reducing it to 12 cents on wheat and 11 cents on corn.

Rt. Hon. Lord Henry Frederick Thynne, second son of the 3rd marquis of Bath, died, on the 28th, in London. He was born in 1832. He was a member of parliament for South Wilt from 1859 to 1885. From 1875 to 1880 Lord Thynne was treasurer of Queen Victoria's household.

Representative Tanney, of Minnesota, on the 26th, introduced a bill in congress giving exhibitors of foreign goods at the St. Louis exposition, on which the duty had been remitted, the right to sell such goods, for delivery at the close of the exposition, duties previously remitted to be paid in case of sale.

The committee in congress on invalid pensions, on the 29th, heard Commissioner of Pensions Ware and Chief Surgeon Huston, of that bureau, in favor of the Scott bill, to abolish local medical examining boards, and appoint 600 surgeons to make examination of pensioners and claimants for pensions.

Canton, O., on the 29th, observed President McKinley's birthday anniversary. Patriotic programmes were held in most of the schools, and the pink carnation was everywhere in evidence. Mrs. McKinley was driven to the cemetery in the afternoon with a large bunch of carnations for the tomb of the late president.

The north and central wings of the state school for indigent children, at Owatonna, Minn., was gutted by fire on the 26th. All the inmates were taken from the building uninjured. Nineteen babies domiciled in the south wing were safely taken out. The loss was not stated, but there was insurance on the building of \$50,000.

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## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

### NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

#### FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

(First Session.)

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The People's theater, a burlesque house, at Cincinnati, O., took fire, on the 29th. The fire was extinguished with small loss. It originated in the gallery from a candle which workmen had been using while making repairs.

W. A. McKean, ex-secretary of the University of California, pleaded guilty, at Oakland, Cal., on the 29th, to the charge of embezzlement. He will be sentenced on February 12.

The Twelfth infantry, now at Salt Lake City, Utah, was, on the 29th, designated to relieve the Twenty-ninth infantry from duty in the Philippines.

Satisfied with the findings of the coroner's jury that, investigated the Chicago Iroquois theater fire, the independent prosecution started by Arthur E. Hull, whose whole family perished in the disaster, was, on the 29th, formally abandoned in court.

The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Co., on the 29th, announced a 12-cent rate on wheat and corn from Kansas City, Mo., to Galveston, Tex., effective February 1. The recent rate was 17 cents on wheat and 16 cents on corn.

The Kentucky senate, on the 29th, by a vote of 23 to 9, defeated a resolution endorsing President Roosevelt's action in the matter of the Panama treaty.

Very Rev. A. Corcoran, of Chicago, provincial of the Order of St. Viator, died, on the 29th, at Phoenix, Ariz. He was born in Rowdon, Canada, 43 years ago.

Harry D. Egbert, who murdered John G. Saxton and John West, last October, was hanged, on the 29th, at Salem, Ore.

### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

House—The house, on the 30th, voted unanimously to strike from the urgent deficiency bill the provisions for the second payment of mileage to the senators and representatives of this congress, and then passed the urgent deficiency bill. This action was the climax to an exciting discussion of the mileage problem begun on the 29th, first on the point of order raised against the provision by Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, and then on a motion to strike out, made by Mr. Underwood, of Alabama. An amendment by Mr. Grosvenor providing for the return of the mileage to the treasury was agreed to. Mr. Underwood's motion to strike out the provision for mileage then was adopted without a dissenting vote.

The result was loudly cheered. The interest in the question was shown by the few absentees. The bill passed the house just as it came from the committee of the whole.

A passenger train on the Southern railroad was derailed east of Princeton, Ind., on the 31st. The train was running at the rate of 20 miles an hour when it left the rails. The baggage car and day coach were thrown from their trucks and rolled down an embankment. There were 75 passengers on the train, but all escaped with slight injuries.

Fire, started by the explosion of chemicals in the large silk mills of Ashley & Bailey, of Paterson, N. J., employing 1,500 hands, destroyed the entire plant, on the 30th. The loss was estimated at \$300,000, partly insured. Frozen hydrants and bursting hose greatly interfered with the work of the firemen.

Personal injury suits amounting to \$38,666,952 were pending against the city of Chicago, according to the report of the city attorney, John F. Smulski, made public on the 31st. The council, the legislature and finally the people were appealed to for relief. Side-walk injuries caused the majority of the suits.

Returned in the district court, on the 30th, a jury returned a verdict of guilty against Police Captain Edwin Anderson, of Sioux City, Ia., charged with accepting bribes from an owner of slot machines.

The republican county central committee met at Lamar, Mo., on the 30th, and called a convention for Saturday, February 27, to select delegates to the state convention to be held at Kansas City.

Senate—In the senate on the 1st Mr. Dietrich, of Nebraska, made a request for an investigation into charges on which he was tried recently by a federal court in his own state, and the senate granted the request, the president pro tem, appointing a committee consisting of Messrs. Hoar, Platt, of Connecticut, Spooner, Cockrell and Pettus to make the inquiry. The remainder of the day was devoted to an argument by Mr. Morgan in support of the resolution introduced by Mr. Stone directing the senate committee on foreign relations to make an investigation into the Panama revolution. When Mr. Morgan concluded, the senate passed the bill permitting the building of a dam across the Mississippi at Sank River, Minn. At 3:50 the senate went into executive session, and at 4:50 adjourned.

House—The proceedings in the house were enlivened by a spirited discussion of the Panama question. Mr. Thayer, of Massachusetts, declared the course of this government in Panama to have been contrary to the provisions of the treaty with New Granada. Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, made a vigorous defense of the administration, and said the brightest star that shines in the pathway of the candidate of the republican party is his course in the Panama canal question. He advised the democrats to keep away from Panama as an issue. With District of Columbia business disposed of, the house took up the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, consideration of which was pending when the house adjourned.

After a brief sitting, the supreme court of the United States adjourned on the first, to meet again on the 23d. The adjournment was for the purpose of affording opportunity to give consideration of cases which have been argued, including the Northern Securities merger case.

Following the lead of Gov. W. J. Bailey, of Kansas, who withdrew from the race for governor, Morton Albaugh, chairman of the republican state central committee during the last three campaigns, on the 1st announced that he would not be a candidate for reelection.

Gov. William H. Taft took the oath of office as secretary of war on the 1st, and at once entered upon his new duties. The ceremony took place in the large reception room attached to the secretary's office in the war department, at Washington, D. C.

## Missouri State Gleanings.

### A STORY OF HARD LUCK.

It Would Have Been Far Cheaper for George Lester to Have Paid His License.

George Lester, living near Lester-ville, Reynolds county, was taken to St. Louis and lodged in jail on a charge of selling whisky without a government license. Lester has a record in the liquor business, both legal and illicit, but his history since engaging in the unlicensed trade makes him the hero in a price hard-luck story.

Lester formerly ran a distillery in a small way, distilling fruit chieflly, but paid his license. Fruit became scarce, and he could not manufacture goods to the limit in quantity that he was allowed by the terms of his license. So he began dealing in whisky in a small way without a license, it is said, taking the goods to a small cave on his farm. For this he was arrested and given a fine, which he paid. Then he went back and resumed business. It is said.

Soon he was heavily denounced from the pulpit by a neighboring minister of the Gospel in the presence of his wife and children, who were in the church. The next day Lester and the minister met in the road. The latter spoke to the liquor manufacturer pleasantly, and reached out to shake hands. Lester, it is said, seized the "sly pilot's" proffered hand in his right, while with his left he pummeled the minister's face. This meeting with the minister, he says, cost him about \$500 in fine, costs and lawyer's fees, and he had just gotten about square again when he was arrested by Deputy Will. Lester has a wife and seven children.

### Honey the Building Material.

A "print shop" built of honey will be one of the things to be seen at the World's fair. H. F. Stapel, editor of the Rock Port Mail, is the architect, and his bees are the builders. A year or two ago Mr. Stapel erected a handsome office building. Last summer he conceived the idea of reproducing, in the miniature, his building in honey.

He placed a hive in exact imitation of the Stapel block, and then his bees got busy. In a few months every facade, and every nook and corner, was covered with a thin coating of pure Missouri honey. This odd exhibit will be housed in the Missouri display in the palace of agriculture.

### Frank Siegel Discharged.

All cases against Frank Siegel, former president of the defunct Siegel-Sanders Live Stock Commission Co., who was charged with embezzlement on seven indictments, were dismissed by the prosecuting attorney in Kansas City. The prosecutor stated that as one of the cases against Siegel had been dismissed, there was no chance of convicting him on the others. The charges were instigated by Frank Rockefeller, a brother of John D. Rockefeller, who lost nearly \$250,000 in the failure of the firm two years ago.

### May Pay Back \$18,000.

George Hall, who left Buchanan county suddenly while occupying the office of county collector about ten years ago with \$18,000 of the county's money, is now said to be repentant, and will return to make good his shortage. He is in Monterey, Mexico, and is getting rich rapidly. Charles M. Sherwood, formerly general passenger agent of the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad, brought the news to Missouri. He says Hall told him that he was coming back to reimburse his bondsmen, including interest to date.

### Large Gain in Deposits.

The statements of Kansas City national banks, published in response to the call of the comptroller of the currency, show a gain of \$6,500,000 in deposits since November 17, when the last preceding statements were published. The gain is the greatest ever made in a corresponding period. It reflects the return from the country of the currency shipped out last fall to move crops.

### To Take a Special Census.

Gov. Dockery has appointed John Sherwood, of Moberly, special census taker of that city. A question has been raised at Moberly concerning the population of that city, and it is necessary to know whether Moberly has a population of more or less than 10,000 inhabitants in order that the tax levy may be increased from 50 to 60 cents.

### The President Chipped In.

Enlisted men of the new battleship Missouri are rejoicing over the possession of a fine plan, toward the purchase of which President Roosevelt has been a material contributor. Hearing of the movement to procure an instrument, he sent a check for \$100.

### Cuban Editors Coldly Greeted.

A party of Cuban editors were welcomed in St. Louis by the coldest weather of the winter and a blinding snow storm, greatly to their astonishment.

### Sedalla Man Disappears.

A Lee Casebeer, car inspector for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway in Sedalla for 20 years, disappeared from his home in a mysterious manner.

### Died on a Train.

Clair Commons, aged 46, a former Kansas City business man, died on a Burlington train near St. Joseph. He had been in ill health for some time.

### Poofish Husband.

Because his wife had roast beef for dinner when he wanted roast pork, John Harrison, of St. Louis, swallowed carbolic acid. He may die.

### Girl Marked for Life.

Miss Virginia Butts, aged 16, was attacked by an unknown man, in St. Louis, who threw carbolic acid in her face, marking her for life.

### Injuries Prove Fatal.

William Troegle, the Katy engineer who was injured in the wreck of the Katy Flyer at Booneville, died from the effects of his injuries.

### Charged With Murder.

The St. Louis county grand jury returned an indictment charging George Schaefer with killing his father.

### SCRUPULOUS CONSCIENCE.

He Sends a Maryville Man a Money Order for the Sum of One Dollar.

"Scrupulous Conscience," who has been making things interesting in St. Louis, has struck Maryville. J. S. Diss, a retired farmer living in that city, received a letter containing a money order for \$1. The letter tallies very closely in construction and handwriting with the mysterious letters that have been sent to St. Louis officials and public men. The writing on the envelope betrays that it was addressed by another. The money order was issued at the annex substation, say post office clerks, but was mailed from the St. Louis general post office. C. E. Smith is the name on the advice sent from the St. Louis post office to the local post office, but as Mr. Diss knows no one of that name, it is believed that it is assumed. Diss can think of no one that has wronged him of that amount.

### Actor Prevents Panic.

A serious panic was prevented at the Grand theater in Kansas City by the presence of mind of Nat Willis, who occupied the center of the stage when an electric light burned out, setting fire to a curtain in the north wing of the stage. When the small blaze was seen creeping along the edge of the curtain by the audience, women began to scream and men arose from their seats preparatory to making a hasty exit. Willis, who had been singing a song, immediately shouted: "For God's sake, keep your seats and remain quiet. Six hundred people were killed in a Chicago theater, recently, by becoming panic-stricken and trampling themselves to death." The words of the actor seemed to impress the large audience, which remained quiet, and one minute later the fire had been extinguished by the theater fireman.

### Mystery at Westbank.

A headless body was found on the tracks of the St. Louis & Gulf railway at Westbank, near the Thebes bridge approach. The head and feet were found on the opposite side of the track, with very few bloodstains where the body was found. Later another body, which was also badly mutilated, was found in the lower end of the yards. There was nothing found in the pockets of either by which to identify or of value. The supposition is that each one had been robbed, murdered and placed on the railroad track to cover the crime. The coroner's jury verdict in each case was "party came to his death from some unknown cause."

### The Old Cahokia Courthouse.

A concession has been obtained by A. Cella & Co., of East St. Louis, for the reproduction at the World's fair of the old courthouse at Cahokia. The courthouse is the oldest municipal building in the state of Illinois. It antedates the building at old Kaskaskia by several years, although Kaskaskia City was settled a few years before Cahokia. Mr. Cella has commenced the demolition of the building, and will rebuild it on the World's fair grounds. He will work in conjunction with Mr. Norcisse Bordeaux, who expects to exhibit photographs of the old graveyard, the church and other scenes in the ancient town.

### Russian Journalist Arrives.

Alexander Brisk, of St. Petersburg, a noted journalist of that city, arrived in St. Louis, the other day, with a special commission from the Russian government to give the imperial Russian commission to the fair direct information as to all the conditions existing as to the fulfillment of the World's fair expectations, in which Russia is much interested. Mr. Brisk paid a hurried visit to the fair with the Russian consul, and expressed himself as much pleased with what he saw. He probably will prepare a report to his government to this effect.

### New Method to Raise Mushrooms.

Announcement is made by Dr. E. M. Dugger, of the department of horticulture, Missouri university, that he has discovered a new method of growing mushrooms that will make them cheap as potatoes. After several years of experimenting, Dr. Dugger says he has discovered that new crops can be grown from the tissue of mushroom heads. It is believed by the state horticultural officials that mushrooms can be cultivated so cheaply by this new process that importation of foreign product will be greatly curtailed and finally stopped.

### Killed His Assassin.

James Reich was shot and killed at Everton by George W. Hamick, after having fired at Hamick because of an old grudge. Reich went to Hamick's home, forced his way into the house, and fired at Hamick with a revolver. Hamick seized a shotgun and shot Reich through the heart. Hamick immediately surrendered to the authorities.

### Prosperous Smithville.

Smithville is experiencing a boom. Twenty-two buildings were erected in 1903, besides three chicken coops, four pig pens and a new well of two.

### Potato Famine Feared.

St. Louis commission merchants anticipate a potato famine, and, as a consequence, the prices are soaring. The last year floods are responsible.

### Charged With Swindling.

A man named Smithson was arrested at Clayton on the charge of swindling \$2,000 from Samuel Williamson by means of a fake prize fight.

### In Trouble With Uncle Sam.

W. S. Wood and Alfred J. Wharton, charged with conducting a fraudulent employment bureau, were arrested at the post office in St. Louis.

### Where Is He?

Mrs. L. von Achen, of St. Louis, offers a reward of \$50 for information concerning her husband, who disappeared two weeks ago.

### Big Cholera in Saline County.

The firm of Gregory & West, cattle feeders in Saline county, report the loss of 480 head of hogs by cholera.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

### Wants to Stay in Prison.

Moses Wright was discharged from the penitentiary in June last, after serving 18 months of a two-year term. He was sent to the prison from Hannibal, a federal prisoner. He did not leave the county when released, and was returned there, after a trial in the circuit court, to complete the original sentence. This made him a Cole county prisoner. His term has expired, but he has not left the prison, and if released he can not be compelled to leave the county. He is begging for permission to remain at the prison, and, being half-witted, his plea may be granted during the continuance of the severe cold weather, that he may not become a charge upon the county or perhaps lose his life from exposure.

### Propose \$80,000 Building.

At a meeting of the Missouri University Young Men's Christian association it was decided to erect an \$80,000 association building in Columbia. Paul Super, general secretary of the Missouri university association, has returned from an extended visit to several of the leading university associations of the middle west. At these associations he studied the methods by which money was raised for the erection of the buildings, and the work of raising money for the Missouri building will be under his directions. It is proposed to make an active canvass for funds among the alumni, students and faculty of the university. The association members are sanguine of success in their undertaking.

### Rolla Students Indignant.

At the meeting of the board of curators of the state university, held in Columbia, the new engineering building at the school of mines and metallurgy at Rolla was officially named "Norwood hall," in honor of a former professor of the university at Columbia. The students at the school of mines felt considerably chafed at the building not being named after some one prominently connected with the school. This feeling crystallized into an indignation meeting, and the students painted in large letters over the front entrance, "Ladd hall." On coming to the school the next morning Director Ladd ordered the name erased at once.

### Fell Into the River.

Charles Floyd, Peter Golden, John Haney and Timothy O'Brien, workmen on the new Burlington bridge across Cuivre river, four miles south of Troy, fell from the middle span of the bridge into the river, but were rescued by fellow-workmen. The men were not seriously injured, and walked to Troy in their bare feet. They were almost frozen when they arrived there to consult a doctor.

### Teacher Wins in Damage Case.

A verdict was returned in the circuit court at Mexico for the defendant in the suit of Maggie E. Caldwell for \$1,000 damages against Miss Estella Snidow. The plaintiff received a whipping at the hands of Miss Snidow last fall, Miss Snidow being her teacher at Seed Tick school, southeast of Mexico. The plaintiff claimed that the punishment was excessive and unmerciful.

### Missourian Heir to Fortune.

It has just been discovered that John Shellenberger, an old farmer, 80 years of age, who resides six miles southwest of Rich Hill, is the only living heir to an estate valued at \$5,000,000. Some six months ago Henry A. Schellenberger, a wealthy lumberman, who resided in the state of Oregon, died leaving a very large estate, and Shellenberger is his only heir.

### Receiver for Altamont Bank.

Secretary of State Sam B. Cook has appointed John W. Mad, president of the Farmers' exchange bank at Galatin, a special agent to take charge of the affairs of the bank at Altamont until a receiver is appointed by the court. The bank is a private one, with a capital stock of \$5,000. Secretary Cook states that its depositors will be paid in full.

### A Change Anticipated.

It is expected that there will be a change in the postmastership at Mexico, and George Kunkel and R. H. Kernan are circulating petitions in anticipation of the change. The former is a grocery manager, and the latter a deputy under the present postmaster, William Treloar.

### Dawson Must Hang.

The agreement for a new trial in the Dawson case was heard by Judge Eby, at Paris, and the petition was refused. Judge Eby then called for the prisoner and sentenced him to hang, fixing March 18 as the date.

### Twenty-Eight Years for Dutton.

Frank C. Dutton, who killed Emil Meyer, a street railway conductor, was convicted of second degree murder at Sedalla, and punishment was fixed at 28 years in the penitentiary.

### Drank Carbolic Acid.

William R. Mannheim, of Chicago, committed suicide in the St. Louis union station by drinking carbolic acid. No cause is known for his rash act.

### Missourian Elected President.

J. R. Moorehead, of Lexington, was elected president of the Southwestern Lumberman's association at their annual convention in Kansas City.

### Eight Laborers Hurt.

A hand car carrying eight Greek laborers was struck by a Chicago & Alton freight train near Mexico, and all were more or less injured.

### Judge John J. Sawyer.

Judge John J. Sawyer, aged 7